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- 25X1 1. The Polish Commercial Mission, in Argentina since 27 January 1947, has little
25X1 prospect of success in arranging a treaty between Poland and Argentina. [redacted]
25X1 The Mission is headed by an
engineer, Francisco Hofmohl. Among the other members are:

Stanislaw Breiter, Assistant Chief of the Mission;

Ozeslaw Bajer, Director of the Cotton and Wool Industry Section of the
Polish Department of Commerce;

Adam Kerner, of the Ministry of Foreign Trade, and Director of the
Fats and Vegetable Oil Industry Section of the Polish Department
of Commerce;

Konstanty Konorski, of the "D.A.L." company, which handles Polish
foreign trade;

Roman Myszkowski, representative of the Polish National Bank, and
Director of the "Warimex" company;

Stefan Jakubowicz, an oil specialist;

Wlodzimierz Kulczynski, Director of the Department of Development and
Commerce of the Ministry of Commerce, and Director of the Foreign
Department of the Polish National Bank;

Jan Solarski, a hide specialist, and a member of the "D.A.L." company;

Wislocki (full name not reported); and

Miss Czarnichowska, secretary to Hofmohl.

2. Breiter came to Argentina about four months before the other members, in order
to make preliminary arrangements and contacts. Although definitely not a
Communist, Breiter was at first considered to be an opportunist [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] However, it has
25X1 since been reported that he is thoroughly disgusted with the state of matters,
and desires to remain in Argentina. Although none of the members of the mission
is regarded as an expert economist, Breiter is reputed to be the most capable.

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3. Hofmohl arrived with the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary. He is a high ranking employee of the Ministry of Navigation and Foreign Trade, and comes from a family that has been active in Polish affairs for many years.

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4. Except for Breiter, the other members of the mission are regarded in Argentine Polish circles as unimportant. However, the local Poles are suspicious of Roman Myszkowski, whose position with the mission is not clear.
5. Almost immediately upon the arrival of the mission, and following the procedure adopted by the heads of other Slav commercial missions, Hofmohl first contacted K. L. Lake, the Commercial Attache of the Soviet Embassy in Buenos Aires. Contact was later made with the President of the Central Bank of Argentina, Miguel Miranda, and Minister of Commerce Lagomarsino. The Polish Commercial Mission reportedly requested a loan of 400,000,000 pesos for the purchase of Argentine products, with the promise that Poland would supply coal and nylon to Argentina in return. While the Argentine authorities are very interested in obtaining coal, they have flatly stated that they consider it impossible for Poland to export this item, because, according to their information, the majority of the production from the Silesian mines is being taken by the Soviet Government. Active negotiations broke off at this point.
6. Faced with an impasse, Hofmohl is reported to have requested the assistance of J. Nowinski, President of the Polish Bank of Buenos Aires, a branch of the P.K.O. Efforts by Nowinski to intercede with Miranda have proved to be useless thus far. Nowinski arranged for a meeting of a few members of the mission with the Soviet Ambassador, Sergueev, in the offices of the Polish Bank of Buenos Aires on 25 February. Sergueev was also a guest at a small dinner party given by Nowinski on the following day for some of the members of the mission. It is reported that Nowinski lately has openly and harshly criticized what he has termed the crass ineptitude of the members of the Polish Commercial Mission.

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